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GREEN BUDS' ALLEGED MONEY CHEATING CASE

Hundreds at AC Office to submit documents

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MTY&DM)- With just a day remaining for submission of documents pertaining to their investments in the city-based Green Buds Agro Farms Ltd., which has been accused of cheating investors, hundreds of agents and depositors from across the State queued up before the Assistant Commissioner's Office in DC Office complex here this morning.

Following a Court order, the government had directed the Assistant Commissioner (AC), Mysuru Sub-Division last month to receive documents from the investors in support on their claim of having invested money in Green Buds.

On government direction, the district administration had set Dec. 27 as deadline for submission of documents at Assistant Commissioner's Office.

Now, with hardly a day left for the deadline, the company agents and investors lined up before the Office of Assistant Commissioner H.N. Shivegowda, as early as 5 this morning. The agents, from across the State, were seen carrying documents of an average of 100 investors each. The staff at the AC Office had a tough time in receiving the documents and issuing acknowledgements thereby, as each agent was found to be carrying the documents of 10 to 150 depositors.

Several agents from far off districts are said to be camping in the city for the past three to four days, to submit all the documents that they have brought.

The agents had to face a lot of inconvenience due to lack of public toilets. However, the authorities directed the staff to keep all the toilets open in the DC Office complex, it is learnt.

Meanwhile, it is not yet known whether the authorities will extend tomorrow's (Dec. 27) deadline in the wake of the huge number of investors coming up with documents on the investments made in the company.

So far, the AC's Office has received documents from over 80,000 investors and by tomorrow, this number is expected to cross one lakh.

To Our Readers

Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda, who recaptured Siachen, the world's highest Army Post, from Pakistan, passed away in Kodagu on Dec.12, 2018. Turn to Page-8 for a tribute by Columnist Santhosh Thammaiah. **—Ed.**

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal in city

Union Minister Piyush Goyal being received by MP Pratap Simha and DC Abhiram G. Sankar at Mandakalli Airport in city this morning as State BJP Gen. Secretary M. Rajendra and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RK&US)- Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal arrived in city this morning on a private visit accompanied by his wife and daughter.

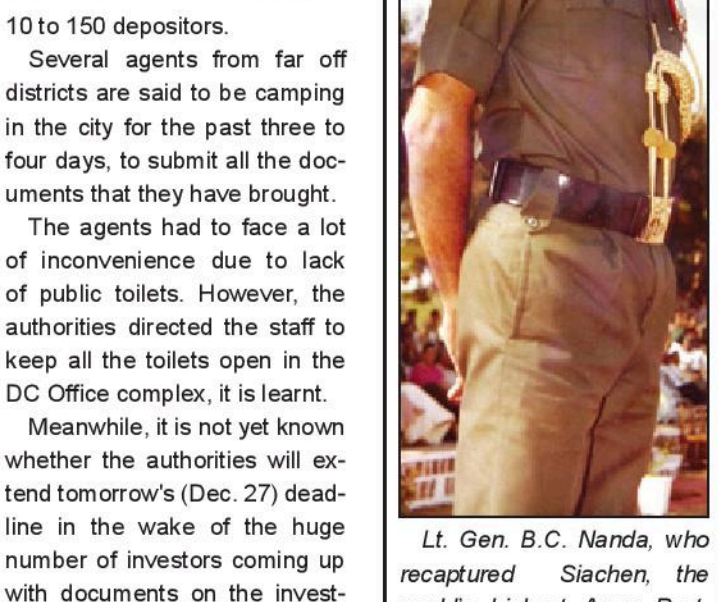
The Minister landed at Mandakalli Airport by a special flight from Ballari. He was received by DC Abhiram G. Sankar, MP Pratap Simha, Divisional Railway Manager Aparna Garg, MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaj, MLA S.A. Ramdas and State BJP General Secretary M. Rajendra.

Piyush Goyal and family left for Chamundi Hill temple straight from the airport.

Pratap Simha said that he would submit a memorandum to the Minister when he (Minister) returns to the airport to fly back.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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Mysuru, Wednesday 26th December 2018

Technology tramples tradition

The two factors that are close to the heart of human populations, namely *(a) Technology* as the wheel of perceptible change equated to progress and *(b) Tradition* as the unwritten code to which people cling as time passes make a fascinating study to historians, sociologists and even the lay sections of society bent on pondering over issues that are expertly debated in knowledgeable circles. Suffice to say that technology has always been *futuristic* in the range of time since fire and wheel heralded the start of technology's march to the contemporary digital technology. In a contrasting feature of sorts, tradition entails *looking back*, farther one proceeds in reverse, stronger the tradition. The urbanites, per se, have chosen to favour technology in preference to conforming to traditions that have stood the test of time, particularly in rural parts of the country. However, the *fabric* of the land's traditions, including related customs still followed by the rustics appears to be getting tattered.

The *readiness* to accept and adopt any technology and acquire its products for use in daily life, the motorised kitchen mixer-grinder for example, has unarguably trampled upon the land's traditions, producing goods to meet consumer needs by adhering to handicrafts for example, obviously on grounds of convenience, comfort and the count of modernity.

Products of technology as they emerged, luring different sections of society and the traditions defining the daily life of people that were gradually given up run into a long list. However, foods as well as food habits and attires as well as the materials used for their production stand out among the victims of emerging technologies as it were. The compulsions of change from ways of life marked by time-honoured customs to those influenced by technology marked by innovation can be traced to unabated urbanisation leading to increased land area hosting the expanding population over years and creating a division of society into the rising headcount of non-conformists outnumbering the conformists.

The question of *balancing* modernity and tradition by successive generations has already assumed likeness to the intractable problem of Gordian Knot, to use a metaphor. One cannot be faulted to foresee the ultimate death of tradition in all its forms and features as technology takes over.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WHY FARM LOAN WAIVERS MAKE SENSE: ***It is plain to anyone who has not taken such a loan himself that waiving it destroys credit culture. It incentivises the borrowers to default the next time he takes a loan. Moreover, it is unfair on those who have worked hard to pay back their dues; a waiver mocks their honest effort and arguably incentivises them too to default. It is also plain that repeated waivers would destroy the whole business of loans. Apart from the problem of ruining borrower behaviour, there is the additional worry of the fiscal impact that loan waivers have. When a government directs its limited resources to waive loans, it likely diverts them from somewhere such funds could have been productively employed. In case the waiver money needs to be raised from the market, the act involves the government crowding out the private sector and raising interest costs.*** — *Udit Misra in Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Realistic snake-print stockings

Tokyo: A Japanese fashion design studio recently launched a collection of insanely realistic snake-print stockings that make your legs look like real snakes.

The design studio claims its new snake pattern designs put all previous models to shame as they are based on scans of real snakes adapted to fit human legs. The upper portion is designed to mimic snake scales, while the part that goes over the foot replicates a snake head that changes its expression whenever the wearer moves their toes.

Snake pattern stockings are currently available in multiple models, based on different snake species, like cobra or boa constrictor and even mythological snake monsters.

Man Pretends to Be a Police Officer for 12 Years

Beijing: A Chinese man was recently arrested for impersonating a Police officer and he managed to convince everyone around him that he was a real police officer for 12 years.

41-year-old Wang Feng had always wanted to be a Police officer, but never actually trained or studied to become one. That didn't stop him from pretending to be one for over a decade, though.

It all started in 2006, when Wang's brother was involved in a debt dispute case and needed a lawyer. To make sure that his brother's counsel gave 100% in Court, Wang met with the man and pretended to be a Police officer. The ruse actually worked. Soon, he started telling friends that he had become a Police officer. He enjoyed the respect he got from everyone, so he just kept telling lies after lies until it became impossible to stop pretending and was caught at last.

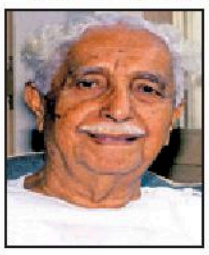
HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is the world's most poisonous mushroom?

The deadliest mushroom is the amania phalloides, also known as the death cap. It closely resembles other edible mushrooms, making it more dangerous. Originating in Europe, it has successfully migrated to every continent except Antartica. More deaths are caused worldwide by the death cap than any other mushroom.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Dist. Administration to celebrate Kuvempu Jayanti on Dec. 29



Mysuru, Dec. 26 (US)- Marking the birth anniversary of Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, District Administration and Department of Kannada and Culture have organised a function on Dec.29 at 11 am at Kalamandira here.

Presiding over a preliminary meeting in that context at DC's office here recently, Additional DC T. Yogesh asked the officials to organise the function with due credit for the life and contributions of Kuvempu to Kannada literature. Litterateur Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy will be the main speaker at the programme which also features renditions of Kuvempu's poems and a dance-drama.

Members of Pro-Kannada organisations attending the meeting sought a thorough cleaning of Kuvempu's statue at Mathru Mandali Circle in Vontikoppal.

Before the stage programme at Kalamandira, Kuvempu statue near Gun House will be garlanded at 8 am.

Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Chennappa, leaders of various Kannada organisations and others attended the meeting.

Lecture presentation by Architect Goutham on Dec. 28

Mysuru, Dec. 26-Architect D.M. Goutham of Mud Hands, Bengaluru, will share his landmark Projects with members of Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), Mysuru Centre, at a programme to be held on Dec. 28 (Friday) at 6 pm at the Seminar Hall of JSSPDA, SJCE Campus, Mysuru.

Ar. Goutham, the founder of Bengaluru-based architecture firm 'Mud Hands', holds B.Arch degree from RV College of Architecture, Bengaluru. He was awarded a diploma in Civil Engineering from AICTE. He has a wide experience in the field of architecture, having worked in different facets of the field before beginning his own design practice at Mud Hands. He is currently a Visiting Professor at BGS College of Architecture, Bengaluru.

For details contact Ar. H.E. Chandrashekar, Chairman, IIA, Mysuru Centre, on Mob: 9844471702.

Really...?

- ***Tomatoes are actually fruits and are made of 94.5 percent water. The tomato plant originates from the nightshade family (which includes eggplant, potato, capsicum and chilli) from Central America.***
- ***Apples, pears, peaches, cherries, blackberries, strawberries, quinces, apricots, loquats and raspberries are all fruits of the rose family.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Mulla Nasruddin was methodically sprinkling bread crumbs all over the house when his wife came up behind him. "What the hell are you doing?" she demanded.
"Keeping away the tigers," he replied.
"But there aren't any tigers in these parts," said Mulla's wife.
"You see?" said the Mulla. "It works!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs.69.91
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 88.85
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.03
1 Euro	= Rs. 79.81

VOICE OF THE READER

Public libraries should be strengthened

Sir,

This letter is in response to the news report titled ***"MCC, MUDA owes Rs. 17 crore dues to library department"*** *(SOM* dated Dec.23).

Of late, we have been witnessing shrinking of public space in Mysuru and elsewhere. Because of shrinking public spaces people now have to pay exorbitant price to spend their leisurely time in cafes, clubs and other expensive outlets.

Public Libraries are one of the important public spaces and cultural institutions. It is the responsibility of the government bodies to protect and strengthen public libraries. It is very sad to know that Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and MUDA is owing huge sum to the Department of Public Libraries in Mysuru city.

This is not just the case of Mysuru alone; in other parts of the State also many local bodies owe huge amount of money to the Department of Public Libraries. What is not clear here is that why is this problem continuing like this. When City Central Library celebrated its centenary year in 2015 this same issue was discussed in local media but still this problem is persisting. MCC and MUDA should take concrete measures to release the cess they collect for the development of public libraries to the concerned Department.

The public libraries in Mysuru are in very good conditions compared to other districts. The Deputy Director Manjunath and his staff at the City Central Library are striving hard to provide better service to the citizens by expanding the building, renovating and adopting ICT for library services. Kuvempunagar Branch Public Library was upgraded last year and now we can see young students preparing for IAS/KAS and other competitive exams in large numbers there. This library is well-equipped with various sections and rest rooms with good number of journals and magazines. Students study there for long hours without any hindrances. New branch library was also opened for the public in J.P. Nagar very recently.

The City Central Library on Irwin Road is always crowded with people of all ages and there is no space for further expansion. To overcome this problem Deputy Director of City Central Library fought hard and initiated the process of constructing new building at the People's Park. This library will be certainly a new addition to the cultural city and Mysureans to be more informed and responsible citizens. MCC and MUDA should not become hindrances in developing Public Libraries, instead they should extend all possible support to strengthen public libraries and other public spaces.

—N. Vasantha Raju
Kuvempunagar
25.12.2018

Corrections and Clarifications

In the news item titled **"Xmas celebrations in city"** published in yesterday's *SOM,* it was inadvertently mentioned that Presbyter Rev. K.P. Devakumar led the service at St. Bartholomew's Church. It may please be read as **"Presbyter Rev. Daniel J. Koundinya led the service." —Ed**

Click photo of garbage dumpers, win Rs.1,000 !

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RK&NNN)- District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has come up with a novel idea to keep the city clean by motivating the citizens to click the photos of people who dump garbage in the parks and on roads and bag a prize of Rs.1,000.

[Pic. for representation only]

GTD was on inspection of parks at Dattagalli Extension yesterday, organised by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). He found that there was confusion about which park came under the Corporation and which under the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

He asked the officials present to make a list of the parks maintained by both the MCC and MUDA and put up the boards to that effect. He also found the places littered with garbage and when he saw this, he immediately told the officials to announce that people who capture the act of dumping garbage will be rewarded with a cash prize of Rs.1,000.

The Minister also asked the officers to file criminal cases against those who are caught dumping garbage.

He called for the development of all the parks in the vicinity by planting saplings and keeping them clean.

Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru, Dec. 26- The Karnataka 24 Mane Telugushettara Sangha, 7th Main Road, Saraswathipuram, has invited applications from meritorious community students who have scored high marks in SSLC and PUC (80 percent for rural students and 85 per cent for city students), for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. The prescribed application form can be collected from the Sangha office. The last date for applying is Jan. 20. For details, call Mob: 99005-66989 or 98440-78187.

SHARMIELA MANDRE TO USHER IN THE NEW YEAR AT RADISSON BLU PLAZA

Even in the quaint heritage city of Mysore, there was by no means a shortage of contemporary events and hip parties in 2018. Perhaps the most vibrant of all, however, promises to come at the very end of the year — with the New Year's Eve party at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Mysore, on the 31st of December. The last day of the year is sure to be the liveliest, at what is arguably the most happening of the hotels located in the Centre of the city.

Themed '19 with Sharmiela, the night will feature a medley of events—ranging from interactive LED art, to carnival balls, to shadow and dance performances, to tunes by Mysore's own DJ Freddy—followed by a midnight countdown to 2019 with the dazzling celebrity, Sharmiela Mandre.

With inviting events in its lounge bar, Myst, and its large banquet hall, Mehfil, differing in their ambience and vibrance, the hotel appears to have guests of all ages covered in its promise of a thrilling evening. Adding to the experience, are the prospects of unlimited starters, complimentary drinks, and a mega buffet in its all day dining restaurant, to refuel the party-goers through the night.

In a city growing both larger and younger by the year, a night to unwind such a this should be more than welcome to most of Mysore — a trend apparent in the hurried rate at which the various tickets to the event are selling, according to a source from the hotel.

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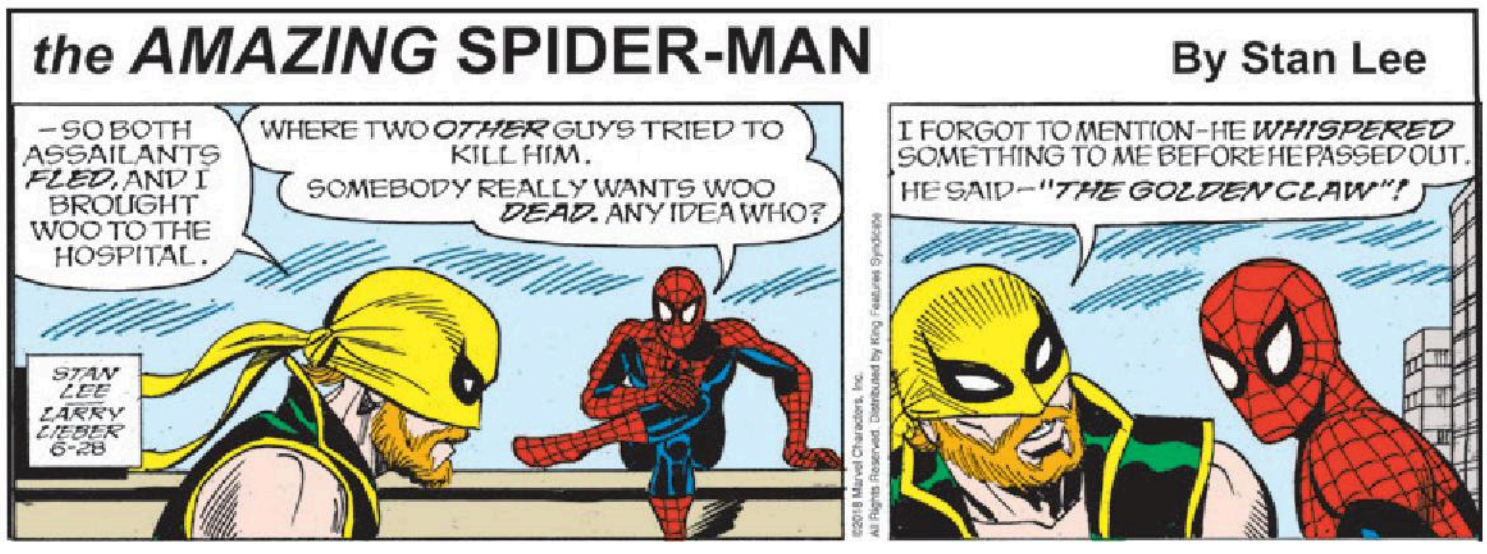
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By Stan Lee
—SO BOTH ASSAILANTS FLED, AND I BROUGHT WOO TO THE HOSPITAL.
WHERE TWO OTHER GUYS TRIED TO KILL HIM.
SOMEBODY REALLY WANTS WOO DEAD. ANY IDEA WHO?
STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 6-28
I FORGOT TO MENTION—HE WHISPERED SOMETHING TO ME BEFORE HE PASSED OUT.
HE SAID—"THE GOLDEN CLAW"!
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NEWS BRIEFS

Sugama Sangeetha

As part of Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple Trust, Irwin Road, in association with Kannada and Culture Department, has organised a Sugama Sangeetha Music Concert at Sri Mounesh Music and Cultural Academy Trust, J.P. Nagar 2nd Stage in city at 7 pm today (Dec.26). B. Umapathi and team will perform at the concert. For details, call Mob: 93417-29740.

Shivarchaka Mahasabha Cricket Tournament

Former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar will release the Cup of Shivarchaka Mahasabha Cricket Tournament at a programme to take place at Pathrakartara Bhavan (MDJA) on Thyagaraja Road in city at 11 am tomorrow (Dec.27). The Cricket Tournament will be played on Jan.6. For details, contact Mob: 80880-98822.

Talk on Chemical Biology

The Department of Chemistry, JSS Science and Technology University (JSS S&T), Mysuru, in association with IISc, Bengaluru, has organised a two-day lecture on Chemical Biology on Dec.27 and 28, at 9.30 am at CS/ IS Seminar Hall, Golden Jubilee Bhavan, SJCE, Manasagangothri. IISc Bengaluru Professors M. Nethaji, P. Kondaiah, Deepak Saini and P.B. Seshagiri will deliver talks on Chemical Biology. Prof. Mallu, Department of Chemistry, JSS &T, is the Local Co-ordinator of the programme. For details, contact Mob: 94800-57349. Registrations are free for the programme.

NSS Annual Special Camp

The NSS Annual Special Camp (2018-19) will be held at Lakshmipura - Madegowdanahundi from Dec.27 to Jan.2, 2019, under the aegis of JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram. MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah will inaugurate the camp at 4 pm tomorrow. Former Mysuru ZP President Sunitha Veerappa Gowda will preside. Collegiate Education Division Director Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, former Mysuru ZP Member Dr. Veerappa Gowda, Lakshmipura Gram Panchayat Member D. Ramesh, APMC Member N. Anil Kumar and Milk Producers Co-op. Union President M. Girish will be the chief guests.

Health camps

Free health camps have been organised by JSS Ayurveda Hospital and JSS Hospital at Lakshmipura-Madevagowdahundi on Dec. 28 and Dec.31 respectively from 10 am to 1.30 pm, as part of NSS Annual Special Camp. For details, contact Mob: 97417-68863 or 87229-15068.

Our bail system needs to be reworked: CM

Maddur, Dec.26- Regretting that the accused in murder cases are coming out on bail and continue to commit crimes, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy observed that the bail system in our country needs to be reworked to ensure the protection of witnesses in heinous crimes.

Speaking to press persons after attending the funeral of slain JD(S) leader Prakash at Thoppanahalli in the taluk on Tuesday, Kumaraswamy said that Prakash is one of the victims of a seemingly unrestrained bail system and it appears that the killers are not afraid of the Law.

Earlier, Kumaraswamy met Prakash's bereaved family and assured that the culprits will be caught and punished.

The CM broke down while speaking to them. Terming Prakash's murder as shocking and unfortunate, Kumaraswamy said that the culprits will not be spared and justice would be delivered. Later, Clarifying on his 'shoot the killers' remark, Kumaraswamy maintained that he had not ordered the Police to 'Mercilessly kill the assailants.'

Claiming that he had only expressed his pain on a phone call as he was too emotional at that moment, the CM said that he was quoted out of context.

Soon after hearing the news of Prakash's murder, Kumaraswamy, who was in Vijayapura on Monday, had reportedly told a senior Police Officer to mercilessly shoot down the assailants.

Meanwhile, the situation in Thoppanahalli continued to be tense on Tuesday.

Prakash's body was taken to the village from the mortuary under heavy Police security. Later the funeral was held at Thoppanahalli in the presence of a large Police force.

Prakash's killing is said to be linked to his role as a witness in a twin murder case at Thoppanahalli two years ago.

Even as tension ran high at Thoppanahalli, the houses of a couple of Congress leaders at the village was vandalised by JD(S) workers, it is learnt.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy consoling the relatives of slain JD(S) leader Prakash at Thoppanahalli yesterday.

Four held for JD(S) leader's murder

Deceased Prakash

Maddur, Dec.26- The Maddur Police have arrested four persons in connection with the murder of JD(S) leader Thoppanahalli Prakash (50), who was brutally hacked in the town in broad daylight on Dec.24.

The arrested have been identified as Shivaraj, Yogesh, Hemanth and Swamy, all residents of Thoppanahalli.

Four more suspects are still at large and the Police have spread the net to nab them.

Hanur Temple Tragedy

Kumaraswamy visits Bidarahalli, promises help to Sulwadi victims

Chamarajanagar, Dec.26 (SS)- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Tuesday visited Bidarahalli village in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district and consoled the victims of Sulwadi temple tragedy.

Instilling confidence among the family members of those who died after consuming the poisoned prasadam at Sulwadi Maramma Temple, the CM promised all Government benefits to the families of the victims, including sites and houses for the homeless.

The Chief Minister reached Bidarahalli from Maddur in a helicopter and spent more than half an hour with the families of the victims last evening.

Extending his condolences to the family members of the deceased, Kumaraswamy said that the Government would announce a slew of packages for their welfare and rehabilitation.

Ponting out that the families of each of the 17 victims was given Rs.5 lakh as compensation, Kumaraswamy said that there was provision to lend Rs.10 lakh seed money if a Self-Help Group was launched, besides Rs.5 lakh as interest-free loan to back up economically productive activities.

Maintaining that the process to provide land for the landless was on, Kumaraswamy allayed fears harboured by the orphaned children and other family members of the victims that they would be forgotten after some time, saying that the Government would stand by them till they were economically empowered.

Terming the temple tragedy as unfortunate, the Chief Minister said that the Police have arrested the suspects and the guilty would be punished.

Announcing that a High School would be started in the region from the next academic year for the benefit of students, he said that steps have been taken to distribute agriculture equipment at a cost of Rs.35 lakh.

Assuring free education for the affected children, he said that the Primary Health Centre at Sulwadi would be upgraded.

Appealing the family members of the victims not to lose confidence in life, the Chief Minister said that the State Government will do its best to provide proper rehabilitation.

Kumaraswamy directed Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner B.B. Cauvery to prepare a pilot project to rehabilitate the victims, most of whom are landless labourers.

District Minister C. Puttarangashetty, Ministers C.S. Puttaraju, S.R. Mahesh and G.T. Devegowda, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, MLAs R. Narendra, N. Mahesh and A.H. Vishwanath, MLC Marithibbegowda, DC B.B. Cauvery, ZP CEO Harish Kumar, ZP President Shivamma, JD(S) leader Prof. Rangappa and others were present during his visit.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy consoling the victims of Hanur Temple Tragedy during his visit to Bidarahali village in the taluk yesterday. Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner B.B. Cauvery and others are seen.

Lingambudhi Lake to be developed as tourist spot

District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda seen inspecting the weed-filled drain near a park at Dattagalli Extension as MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RK&NNN)- District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD), who visited Lingambudhi Lake in Dattagalli Extension yesterday following complaints that the storm water drain and sewage water were getting mixed and polluting the water in the lake, instructed the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities to clear the place and develop the lake into a tourism spot.

Accompanied with Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and officials of the MCC, he looked into the complaints of the residents of the area.

GTD said that measures must be taken immediately to clean the underground drainage pipeline and prevent overflowing into storm water drains, besides clearing the Poornaiah Canal which is full of weeds. Once this is done, the Lingambudhi Lake should also be converted into a tourism spot by beautifying the water body, he said.

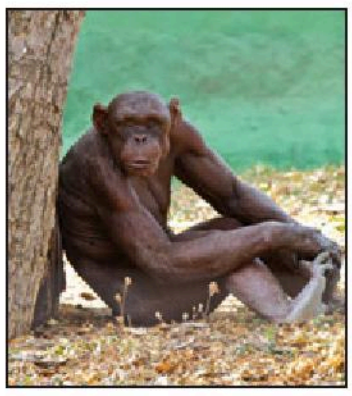
He directed MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha to hold a meeting with the Forest Department officials and come out with a good project. Once they put up a proposal, he would find funds to promote tourism, he said.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, MCC Superintending Engineer Suresh and others were present.

Chimp Guru dies at Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (KS) - Guru, the 26-year-old male chimpanzee at Mysuru Zoo, died of respiratory failure on Dec. 24 night.

On Dec. 23, Guru was found dull and the Zoo Vets began the symptomatic treatment. The next day (Dec. 24), Zoo Veterinarians along with Dr. Sundar Raj, a consultant General Physician having experience with primates, continued the treatment. But Guru, who did not respond to the treatment, died at about 9.30 pm.



Later, a team of doctors comprising Veterinary Pathologist and Microbiologist from Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals in Bengaluru, Veterinary Pathologist from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and experts from city's K.R. Hospital and Gopala Gowda Hospital along with Zoo Veterinarians conducted post-mortem and opined that the cause of Guru' death could be due to Respiratory Failure.

Guru, who was born on Feb. 11, 1992 to Lakshmi and Jamlu, was rescued from a circus by Arignar Zoological Park in Chennai and was handed over to Mysuru Zoo on Aug. 11, 2003, when he was 11-year-old, according to a press release from Ajit Kulkarni, Executive Director, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru.

National rally arriving in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.26 (US)- A National rally calling for an end to the prevalent harassment of women and children with a theme 'Moving towards dignity' is arriving in city tomorrow.

Welcoming the rally members, Mytri-District NGOs Federation, Department of Women and Child Welfare, Rashtriya Raksha Abhiyan and Mysuru District Sthree Shakti Groups Federation have organised an interaction tomorrow at 3 pm at Sthree Shakti Bhavan, Department of Women and Child Welfare, K.D. Circle, Vijayanagar, Mysuru.

No power supply on Dec.27

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm at villages under Jayapura Gram Panchayat (GP) limits, Marballi GP limits, Goplapura GP limits, Udbur GP limits, Dhanagalli GP limits, Harohalli GP limits and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC Executive Engineer.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Dec.26- The body of an unidentified aged man was found near Bogadi check post on Bogadi road in city on Dec.22.

The man is aged between 68 and 70 years, 5 ft. in height, wheatish in complexion, oval faced and lean built.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Saraswathipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418323 or call Police Control Room 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

GTD asks Chamundi Temple priests to drop their protest from Jan. 1

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RK&SR)- District Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has appealed the Chamundi Temple, sub-ordinate temples priests and other Muzrai temple priests of the district not to resume their indefinite strike from Jan.1, 2019.

Replying to a query that the temple priests' agitation would hurt the sentiments of the devotees here yesterday morning, the Minister said that he had already discussed with Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, State Muzarai Minister Rajashekhar Patil at the recently held Winter Session of State Legislature at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi. He said that the State Government will fulfil the demands of the priests.

"This is a State issue, Chief Minister will take an appropriate decision very shortly. The Chamundi Temple Priests must not hurt the sentiments of the devotees by resuming their strike", he added.

Girl killed as bus hits

Ashwini

Nanjangud, Dec. 26- A 13-year-old girl was killed on the spot, when a KSRTC bus reportedly hit her on Chamarajanagar-Nanjangud bypass road near Medadageri yesterday.

The deceased girl is Ashwini, daughter of Siddaraju of Medarageri. Ashwini was crossing the road, when a KSRTC bus (KA-09-F-4247) hit her resulting in Ashwini breathing her last at the spot due to severe bleeding.

Meanwhile, the public and the girl's relatives, who took the bus driver to task, allegedly threw stones on the bus damaging the glasses. Meanwhile, bus driver Giri, who took ill due to the incident, has been admitted to the Government Hospital, said the Police.

Nanjangud Traffic Police ASI Aradhya rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the body of Ashwini to the Government Hospital for post-mortem.

Padma Shri awardee Sulagitti Narasamma passes away

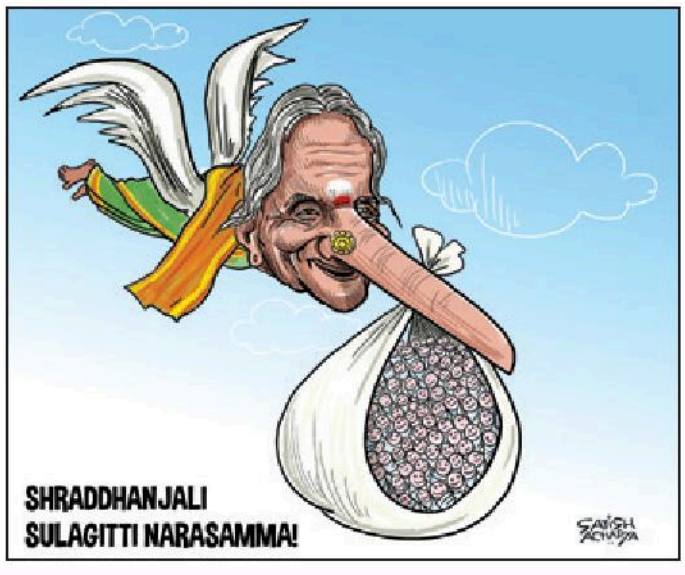
Sulagitti Narasamma

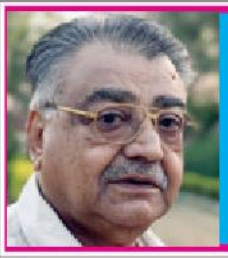
Bengaluru, Dec. 26 - Padma Shri awardee Sulagitti Narasamma, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru on Tuesday. She was 98. She was suffering from age related ailments and was undergoing treatment at BGS Hospital since 20 days.

Married at the age of 12 to Anjinappa, she has 12 children and 36 grandchildren. Narasamma is best known for extending free of cost midwife services to pregnant women at a time when medical help was hard to come by in rural areas. Though she was an illiterate, she is said to have learnt this skill from her grandmother, Marigemma, at a very young age.

She had helped deliver more than 15,000 babies in Krishnapura, a remote village in Pavagada taluk in Karnataka and was conferred with the Padma Shri by President Ram Nath Kovind on March 20, 2018.

Recognising her service to the society, Tumkur University had conferred her honorary doctorate in 2014. She was awarded the Devaraja Urs award in 2012 and Kittur Rani Chennamma award in 2013.





Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

A retired officer and his *Shanti Puja* at age 80

Good governance is possible only with such officers

A.K. Shiva Roy, when he was serving as Accounts Officer, MUDA.

Early this morning while having breakfast, my landline phone rang. My wife picked up the handset and said it was from Shiva Roy. Since she knew my acquaintance with him, she asked me if I liked to take the call. "Of course yes," I said and received the cordless phone. After exchanging pleasantries, Shiva Roy said that tomorrow 27th December he was having a *Shanti Puja* in connection with his 80th birthday celebrated on Dec.12 and he would like me to attend a luncheon party at his farm house on Bannur Road. As I was speaking to him, I recalled an *Abracadabra* I wrote way back on 4th February 1998 when he retired from service as an Accounts Officer of MUDA.

At a time CITB and its later avatar MUDA was known more for the corruption of its officers and staff and less for their integrity and service to the public. There were only a few honest and hard working officers and staff who could be counted on our fingers. Among them was one shining star, that too in a most important Accounts Department of those days, as its head **A.K. Shiva Roy.** I was told, those days, every engineer and even administrative staff would feel intimidated by his presence because of his outspoken nature and strict adherence of rules.

It was his instructions to his attendants not to make any one who came to visit him at his office to wait for long. Every visitor's presence should be informed to him immediately so that he could 'manage his time' to give interview to the visitor as quickly as possible.

I was told by one Army Officer of the rank of Lt. Col. that he was lucky to be introduced to A.K. Shiva Roy, the Accounts Officer, before he could meet any other officer in MUDA for resolving a problem related to his site allotted by CITB. His problem. He had got a 60'x40' site from the Army quota through the system of lottery, for selecting the site beneficiary. Thereafter, he went back to his duty at Leh Ladakh. When his local contact went to take the allotment letter, to his shock he was told that the site had been resumed for not making the payment or for some other such reason without any intimation to him. It was then he was advised to contact Accounts Officer A.K. Shiva Roy who helped the Army Officer get his site.

Here below is produced the *Abracadabra* I wrote when he retired, as mentioned above, under the title ***'An Officer Retires.'*** Now read on...

In these days of vitiated and generally inefficient governmental administration an officer who is a role model is as rare as hen's teeth.

It is unfortunate some officers are efficient only when they are well oiled with bribe. And there are officers who are not efficient even with bribe. And finally there are committed officers who are hardworking and also honest. This last category of officers are often disliked and even mocked at by their own inefficient and corrupt colleagues. Unfortunately, even the higher officers are helpless in correcting this kind of human behaviour and relationship.

Nevertheless, the idealist officers carry on and some of them even manage to retire from service unscathed and successfully ducking the planted snare of CoD and Lokayukta (remember the recent tragedy of the Chief Drill Instructor Mr. Othageri of Karnataka Police Academy here in city).

One such good officer who retired on 31st January 1998, after serving for 33 years, two months and six days is **Mr. A.K. Shiva Roy,** the Accounts Officer of MUDA.

I understand he belonged to the State Accounts Department and served MUDA for more than 12 years and had seen 12 or 13 Chairmen preside over MUDA, earlier CITB.

A.K. Shiva Roy at 80. [Photo taken this morning at his farm house]

It was his instructions to attendants not to make any one who came to meet him at his office to wait for long. Every visitor's presence should be informed to him immediately so that he could 'manage his time' to give interview to the visitor as quickly as possible.

I have known this gentleman officer probably for all of his 12 years service in MUDA and found him a straight shooter and a daunting officer, what with his ramrod mush and a stout physique with a fair complexion and a rotund face. Indeed, a handsome person generally found in Kodagu from where he hails.

I asked him recently who did he think was the best politically appointed Chairman of MUDA. His answer **Mr. Madegowda** who came to be known as Mane Made Gowda (of Asha Mandira Scheme). I then asked him who was the best non-political Chairman. His answer was **Mr. Muniswamy,** the IAS Officer. There was also another officer, Mr. Roy says, in Mr. Vijay Bhaskar. As an Accounts Officer Mr. Shiva Roy's contribution to MUDA was considerable. He was pretty smart in raising funds through auctioning of sites. He had his typical style of rousing the interest of the bidders in the site thereby fetching the highest price. He also streamlined the accounts despite the mess. He was also helpful in his advice and guidance to all those who approached him as a last resort of hope. Since he was a high profile officer, I thought he must have been given a grand send-off the day he laid down the office or thereafter. His answer to my enquiry was true to his nature. Quoting a dialogue in *Mahabharata* in chaste Kannada which means, *"Never have food in the house of your enemies,"* he said, he did not want any send-off.

Urged to explain he said, a few years back a clerk in MUDA who was corrupt and indulged in malpractice in the matter of allotment of sites etc., had carried tales to the then MUDA Commissioner (name withheld) saying, 'Sir the MUDA is ruined because of Mr. Shiva Roy' and more. Of course, the message ultimately reached Mr. Shiva Roy who explained the allegation was made because he (Mr. Shiva Roy) tried to curb malpractice and cheating by this ugly clerk. Mr. Shiva Roy then reminded me of the good old Kannada saying ಖಂಡಿತವಾದಿ ಕೋಕ ವಿರೋಧಿ (the world detests the one who takes a firm stand).

However, his mother department remembered him with as much love as that of a mother when he retired. The State Accounts Department's local Audit Office at Saraswathipuram gave him a send-off eulogising his services to the Department as an outstanding officer.—**PUCK**

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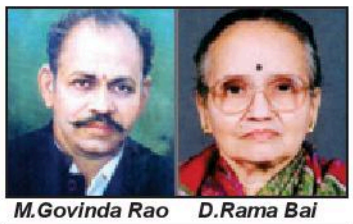
RamaGovinda awards- 2019

for Bezwada Wilson, Prahlad Tipanya

T.M. Krishna to inaugurate presentation ceremony on Jan.5



M.Govinda Rao D.Rama Bai

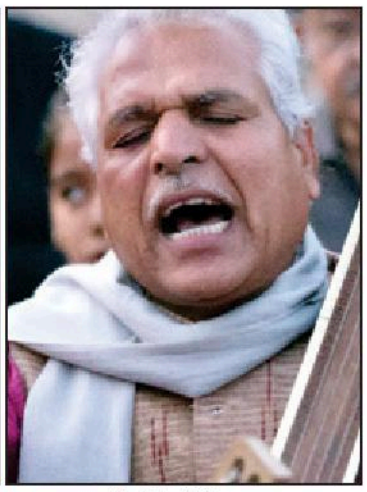
Mysuru, Dec.26- Smt. D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation and Sri M. Gopinath Shenoy Charitable Trust, Mysuru, have chosen Indian activist, Ramon Magsaysay Award winner **Bezwada Wilson** and Indian folk singer *Padmashree* **Prahlad Singh Tipanya** for its annual RamaGovinda Puraskara-2019.

These two institutions are associated with a pro-societal cause in education, health and cultural sectors, immensely involving human welfare and development. As an extension of their social endeavours, these two institutions have collectively instituted the 'RamaGovinda Puraskara' to be presented annually since 2016. This award is an yearly event, preceded by meticulous selection of an institution and individuals working for societal development.

This year's Award Presentation Ceremony will be held at Kalamandira in city on Jan.5 at 6.pm. Karnatak vocalist and author T.M. Krishna will inaugurate the programme.

M. Ramanatha Shenoy couple, M. Jagannath Shenoi couple and M. Gopinatha Shenoy couple will be the chief guests.

Bezwada Wilson



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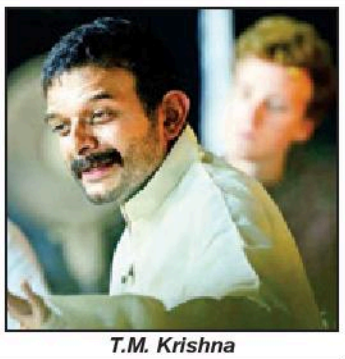


T.M. Krishna

At 7.30 pm, a programme titled 'An evening with Kabir' will be held where Prahlad Singh Tipanya and his troupe will render Kabir songs.

Awardees' profile

Bezwada Wilson is one of the founders of National Convenor of Safai Karmachari Andolan (SKA), an Indian human rights organisation which has been campaigning for the eradication of manual scavenging, the construction, operation and employment of manual scavengers that has been banned in the country.

Prahlad Tipanya is one of the most compelling folk voices of Kabir in India today who combines singing and explanation of Kabir in the Malwi folk style from Madhya Pradesh. He had toured India as well as UK and USA. He has received several awards including *Padmashree* in 2011. Prahaladji set up the Kabir Smarak Seva Shodh Sansthan on a plot of land granted to him by State Government opposite his home in the village of Luniya Khedi.

This registered Trust conducts an annual event where several thousands congregate to listen to Kabir's words through bhajans and discourse by gathered singers and spiritual leaders.

Music and dance at Sri Krishna Gana Sabha on Dec.27, 28

Mysuru, Dec.26- Sri Krishna Gana Sabha has organised a dance and music programme on Dec.27 and 28 at Alwar Kalabhavan in Gokulam at 6 pm.

Dec.27: Dance programme by **Vidu. Mitra Naveen** and her disciples of Nada Vidyalaya, Hebbal (sponsored by S.K. Sabha in association with Kannada and Culture Department, Bengaluru).

Dec.28: Music concert by **Vidu. Anjana P. Rao**. She will be accompanied by **Vidu. Veena Suresh** on violin, **H.L. Shivashankaraswamy** on mridanga and **M.R. Manjunath** on ghata (concert is sponsored by Dr. M. Susheela Urs).

Artistes' Profile

Mitra Naveen is a disciple of Gurus Vidu. Krishnaveni, Dr. Kripa Phadke and Prof. K. Murulidhara Rao. She is married to Vid. Andagar Naveen, a reputed vocalist.

They have founded 'Nada Vidylaya Academy of Music and Dance' providing training in Karnatak Music and Bharatanatyam to hundreds of students.

Vidu. Mitra Naveen *Vidu.Anjana P. Rao*

Mitra Naveen is a Master's Degree holder in Arts and Bharatanatyam. She is a Graded artiste of *Doordarshan* and a Vidwat Degree holder in Dance.

She has conceptualised and choreographed *Srikrishna Vilasa, Maheshwara Vaibhava, Purandara Dasamrutha, Devi Vaibhava, Geethamruthasara* and many other features.

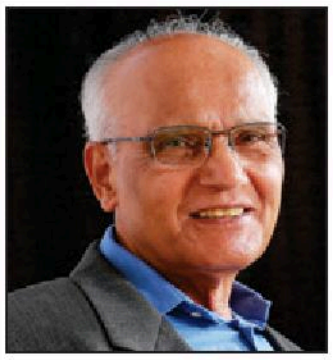
Mitra is the recipient of *Kalpashree, Sarvashri* and *Natya Saraswathi* titles.

Anjana P. Rao hails from Shivamogga and is now settled in Benagluru.

She started learning Karnatak Music from the tender age of four under the tutelage of Vid. H.S. Nagaraj and later by Vid. Maruthi Prasad. Currently, she is guided by Dr. T.S. Satyavathy. At the age of eight, she started giving public performances. Anjana was awarded 'Yuva Prathibe (2011-12)' by Kannada and Culture Department, Bengaluru and 'Ananya Nadajyothi Prathiba Puraskar (2014).'

Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa Sahityotsava in city on Jan. 19 and 20

S. B. Uday Shankar, Trustee, S. L. Bhyrappa Sahitya Pratishtana, addressing a press meet at Pathrakathara Bhavan this morning as (from left) Girish Chandra and M. S. Laxman Rao, Organising Committee members and Prof. G. L. Shekar, Hon. Secretary, look on.



Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa

Mysuru, Dec. 26 - As a tribute to city's living legend **Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa,** who is one of India's foremost Kannada litterateurs, a two-day *'S. L. Bhyrappa Sahityotsava'* will be held at Kalamandira in Mysuru on Jan. 19 and 20, under the aegis of S. L. Bhyrappa Sahitya Pratishtana.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakathara Bhavan here this morning, Prof. G. L. Shekar, Hon. Secretary of the Prathishtana, said that Dr. Chandrashekara Kambara, President, Sahitya Akademi and Jnanpith awardee, will inaugurate and deliver the inaugural address on Jan. 19.

Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta, author and linguist, will release the book, *Chinthana-Manthana,* a collection of interviews of Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa.

Eminent personalities including *Shatavadhani* Dr. R. Ganesh, author and poet, Shefali Vaidya, writer and columnist from Pune, P. Sheshadri, film director, Prof. M. Krishne Gowda, writer and humourist, Gangavathi Pranesh, columnist and humourist and Dr. Nand Kishore Acharya, author from Bikaner, Rajasthan, will deliver lectures on topics related to Dr. Bhyrappa's novels that are abound in Indian philosophy, culture and tradition during this two-day literary meet.

Besides Shefali Vaidya's interview with Dr. Bhyrappa, his documentary will be screened. Pandit Nagaraja Rao Havaldar, well-known Hindustani classical vocalist, will render ragas of *Mandra,* authored by Dr. Bhyrappa and Kalagangotri-Bengaluru will stage Kannada play *Mandra,* directed by Dr. B.V. Rajaram, well-known theatre director. Also, an interaction with Dr. Bhyrappa will be held.

Since only 500 participants are allowed for lecture sessions, interested persons can register their names at: *slbhyrappawebsite@gmail.com.* However, all are welcome for music and drama to be held on Jan. 19 evening.

In order to capture the brilliance of Dr. Bhyrappa's thoughts and reflections, about 20 hours of HD video recording was done in June 2018 wherein well-known authors interviewed Dr. Bhyrappa on his works, philosophy, nationalism and nuances of literature. The content is made available to public in the form of a book titled *Chinthana-Manthana.*

Recipient of *Saraswati Samman,* Dr. Bhyrappa is widely regarded as one of India's foremost living writers. His books have found their way to the curriculum of UG and PG programmes, and have been the research topic of over 20 Ph.D. dissertations across Indian Universities. He has penned 25 novels, besides his autobiography *Bhitti,* and five books on literary criticism and philosophy in a career spanning over five decades. His novel *Avarana* was sold out before it was released in 2007 and by now has seen 54 reprints. His recent book *Uttarakanda* has seen 20 reprints. Even at the age of 88, his clarity of thought and creativity are remarkable.

S.L. Bhyrappa Sahitya Pratishtana is a Trust registered to further the cause of intellectual advancement in the field of education, literature and art. The objectives of the Trust include translation of Dr. Bhyrappa's literary works into global languages, promote art of writing through workshops especially among budding young writers, organise literary seminars and symposia, support libraries and museums and award scholarships to deserving students irrespective of caste, creed, race or religion.

The Soldier who saved Siachen

A tribute to Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda, who recaptured Siachen, the world's highest Army Post, from Pakistan

An oil painting of Lt. Gen. Biddanda C. Nanda, PVSM; AVSM.

During his tenure as the Chief of the Northern Command, Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda visited Siachen every month along with his wife to mingle with soldiers, share food with them and trying to distract their loneliness — because he always knew India will remain safe only if Siachen is safe. Wonder what his thoughts were when he left for his heavenly abode on Dec.12, 2018 at the age of 87. But he must have been proud that now the Prime Minister of India can freely visit Siachen.

By Santhosh Thammaiah,
Columnist and Journalist

You might be aware of the latest development. The Prime Minister's Office has called for an emergency meeting. Senior Intelligence officers will be present and you are requested to be present with your staff with a detailed report."

When such a fax arrived at the Delhi Army HQ from Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Office in 1987, the Army Chief was startled. Well-known as the Honest General, Gen. Krishna Swamy Sundarji knew about the situation but did not have enough time to prepare as the Chief of the Northern Command was supposed to arrive from Udhampur. It was important to sit with him and prepare for the meeting at PM's Office in New Delhi. Which meant the Army Chief and the Chief of the Northern Command wouldn't have time to sleep.

The next day when the Chief of the Northern Command arrived for the meeting at 10 am at the PM's Office, the Army Chief, his deputies, Intelligence Officers, Prime Minister and the Defence Minister were all seated. After a few minutes of silence, the Prime Minister began his conversation with a mention of 1949 Karachi Treaty with Pakistan and put forth the agenda for the meeting.

The Army Chief and the Chief of the Northern Command looked at each other with an appreciation on the PM's ability to present the situation so eloquently and thoroughly. The way he presented with historical references, the Army heads knew it was time to pull out their weapons from the barracks.

Strategic meeting

The PM had said, "We have conducted ourselves as per the 1949 Karachi Agreement and as per the agreement we have withdrawn our forces from the borders. We respected the agreement and we have even withdrawn from 'NJ Point 9842'. But now I feel that might have been our first mistake. Because Pakistan is now planning to handover that territory to China and they are eyeing Siachen Glacier. What is disturbing is that our key post Saltoro Ridge has been occupied by Pakistan a week back. You know Chief, Pakistan has named it "Quaid Post" after Mohammad Ali Jinnah and have set up their army post."

"Yes, Mr. Prime Minister, I understand. The strategy for the future will be explained by our Chief of the Northern Command, Lieutenant General B.C. Nanda (Biddanda)," said Army Chief Krishna Swamy Sundarji. Lt.Gen. Nanda spread a large map on the table and started presenting. "If we closely examine the new post setup by Pakistanis, it clearly indicates that they are trying to challenge us. They have violated the peace agreement and occupied our territory. Also they have named it after Jinnah. It is very difficult to recapture this post which is located at 21,153ft above the main sea level. But it is possible. We have to recapture it at any cost. Mr. Prime Minister, any country would always have an eye on a place like Siachen Glacier. They will fight even to protect even an inch of that land. The one who controls Siachen can control a key part of Asia."

Even though the Prime Minister was in agreement, the Defence Minister seemed to feel that the nation might misconstrue and point fingers at the Congress government. He showed a sense of irritation at those suggestions, just the way Baldev Singh felt in 1947, Krishna Menon in 1962. "Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda, you seem to be doubtful of capturing it and even if you capture do you have a plan to protect it," questioned the then Defence Minister.

Two Army officials stood up and said, "Yes we have an answer." They closed the historical agreement which caused such embarrassment and the meeting came to an end. The Army was all set to leave immediately to Siachen. Army General Krishna Swamy Sundarji completely trusted Lt. Gen. Nanda.

War time

With his direct involvement in the 1962 war, Nanda had the experience of the harsh climate in Siachen Glacier. He had the freedom to pick his team. But Siachen is unlike other war zones and he knew no such battle in the world had ensued in the past. Because at such an high altitude of about 21,000 ft above the main sea level, with a freezing temperature of minus 40 degree centigrade and cold winds blowing at 45 kmph, it was a much worse enemy than the Pakistan army.

The second tallest glacier in the world had a glacier and its tributaries which few knew of its existence and approximately 75-km long. But it was impossible for a sepoy to know where it was located and which direction it flows.

Hostile weather

Interestingly, the helicopters had to survive first to ensure that human beings survived in such weather conditions. It was important to ensure that the fuel didn't freeze. Every half hour the guns had to be heated on fire from a kerosene stove or boiled with hot water to prevent it from jamming. The human body becomes weak due to low oxygen.

More than recapturing Siachen, safety of the soldiers in such harsh weather conditions was more bothersome. But it was inevitable and Army Chief General Sundarji stationed himself at Udhampur. Just a few days back he did have a long discussion with Lt. Gen M.L. Babbar.

Team Command

Finally he asked Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda, "Where is your Best 20?" 20 Army personnel walked in hearing the bell from Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda's chamber. It was decided that Col. A.P. Rai would command the team consisting of Second Lt. Rajeev Pandey, Nayak Subedar Hemraj, N.S. Bana Singh and others. On June 23, the team of 20 left to Siachen in a Helicopter and their aim was Saltoro Ridge.

Death at icy mountains

At 20:30 hrs, a few soldiers of Jammu Kashmir Light Infantry left for Saltoro Ridge. It was pitch dark with freezing temperatures and the Pakistan army's "Quaid Post" was only a few meters away. They had to take a circuitous route along the icy mountains at a height of 21,153ft. They had to walk one behind the other and had to cut through ice.

By the time one passes through a short opening, ice would fill up again. Naib Subedar Bana Singh was the tenth man and he had to undergo the agony of seeing nine of the men who were ahead of him dying. Because as they got closer "Quaid Post" they died of breathing problems. A few were killed by enemy firing.

Second Lieutenant Rajeev Pandey and N.S.Hemraj were now dead. After noticing their half-burnt body, he immediately called the command to send additional reinforcements. The next day Indian Air Force helicopter flew with 2 officers, 3 JCOs and 57 soldiers towards Sonam Post near Siachen. Thus began 'Operation Rajiv.' The second team took almost eight hours to cross just 150 meters. They lost two soldiers during the move.

First grenade hurled

On the 26th of June, the first thing Subedar Bana Singh and his team saw at sunrise was men in white uniforms — Pakistani soldiers. There was nothing the Indian Army had to wait for. Bana Singh threw the first grenade at the Pakistani bunker and it was blown into pieces. Even before the Pakistani army could realise what was happening, the Indian soldiers started firing towards them. There were a few casualties on the Indian side after heavily numbered Pakistani soldiers started firing.

Cleansing of Siachen

Col. Rai had fallen with eight bullets. Subedar Bana Singh and his companions realised that rules of the game had changed, there were no more orders. They started killing Pak soldiers indiscriminately and a few of the Pak soldiers started running away. Col. Rai asked Subedar Bana Singh to get at least a few alive. He replied that they anyway were not his cousins to save them. In a few minutes, Siachen was cleansed.

Bana Singh Post

Subedar Bana Singh applied bandage on Col. Rai's arm. By then, four helicopters landed at Siachen. Army Chief Sundarji and Lt. Gen. B. C. Nanda arrived. By the sight of it, they realised the intensity of the fight in the steep ice walls. Army General asked Subedar Bana Singh, where was "Quaid Post" located. The damage was such. Lt. Gen. Nanda replied, "Sir, that is now Bana Singh Post" and hugged Bana Singh. Even today 'Bana Singh Post' exists in Siachen. Bana Singh is Siachen and Siachen is Bana Singh, the brave fight at the highest glacier in the world stays as a symbol of bravery.

Subedar Bana Singh

Decisive battle

This is how Lt. Gen Nanda groomed fine soldiers like Subedar Bana Singh. On that eventful day, B.C. Nanda may not have been there on the battlefield but he decided the fate of that battle. Nanda, who often suggested all through his career that every valour of the brave soldiers should be awarded, sent a recommendation to the Government for one Paramveer Chakra, one Mahaveer Chakra, seven Vir Chakras and one Sena Medal.

Military honours

After the recapture he was entrusted with the task of modernising the base at Siachen. He increased the troop size at Siachen and ensured higher pay for troops stationed at Siachen and also brought a policy that troops can only be posted there for short-term. And today Siachen is not just world's highest Army post, but also the well-equipped post. Siachen for Lt.Gen. Nanda was not just another Himalayan Army post, but he shaped it like a new-born baby.

For his contribution to India's military might, Lt. Gen. Nanda was honoured with *Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)* and *Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM)*.

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The Siachen Glacier located in the Eastern Karakoram Range of the Himalayas.

He was called 'Fake Environmentalist' by greedy mafias in Kodagu

All through his life, Lt. Gen. Biddanda C. Nanda looked upto his maternal uncle Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa as his role model and after his retirement he decided to settle down in Kodagu like his uncle. After his retirement and until the death of K.M. Cariappa, 'Roshanara', the residence of Cariappa in Madikeri had become Lt.Gen. Nanda's centre of learning.

He learnt the importance of preserving nature and environment of Kodagu from Cariappa. By then Kodagu had begun its journey towards mindless development and destruction. Cariappa's death was a big relief for many who were into looting the natural resources of Kodagu. Now their last obstacle was forever gone. The dance of demons towards destruction in the name of development had by then begun.

Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda in traditional Kodava attire.

Cariappa-Thimmaiah Forum

Lt. Gen. Nanda brought together like-minded citizens and started to energise Coorg Wildlife Society. He started environment awareness programmes across the district and personally donated one acre of his land to Coorg Wildlife Society. He tried to make others realise the importance of Cariappa-Thimmaiah Forum for the overall development of Kodagu.

Hundreds of retired Army personnel from the district joined the movement under Cariappa-Thimmaiah Forum. He invited many Army officers to the district and ensured to sort the problems of the ex-servicemen from the district. B.C. Nanda had a plan to protect the environment of Coorg through discipline and dedication of the ex-servicemen of Coorg. But sadly, the district did not take notice of Nanda's concern. He was now getting older. He stood by the protestors when thousands of trees were being axed for the high tension powerline project to Kerala through Kodagu. He demanded that the truth of environmental reports should be placed before the people.

Unfortunately everything stopped working as per his plan. Political interests and mafia started labelling him as 'Fake Environmentalist.' **The man who planned to recapture Siachen for India couldn't ensure his home district is protected from the powerful mafia within. With such meticulous planning he could chase the heavily armed Pakistanis at the border, but he could not stop the people who were looting his home district Kodagu. His cries "The district has reached its threshold, don't mess with the Western Ghats," went unheard.**

Prime Minister Modi during his surprise visit to Siachen in 2016 to celebrate Diwali with the soldiers.

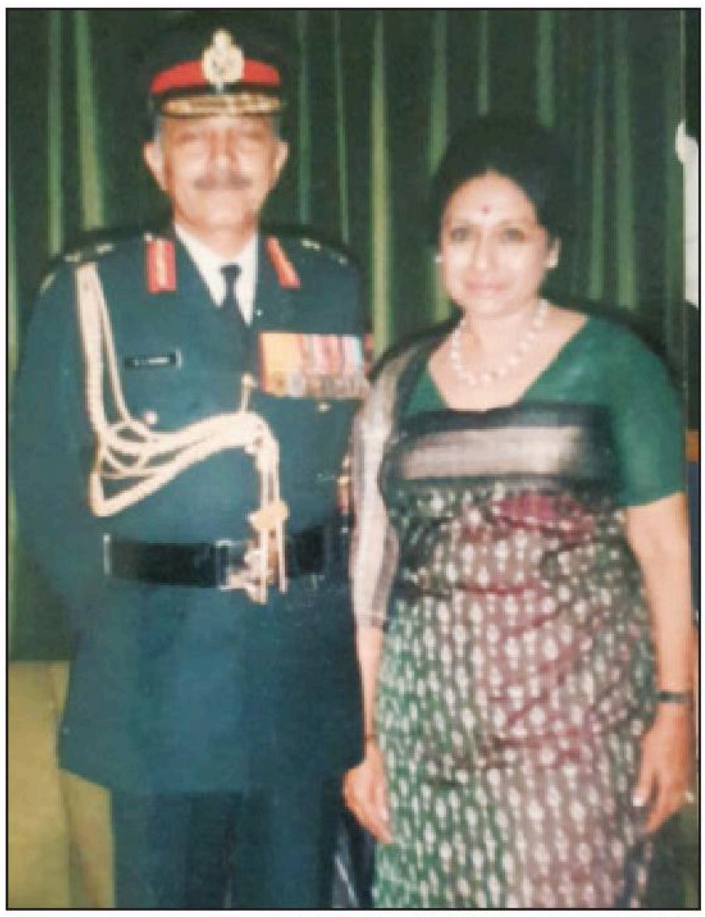
Rubbing shoulders with Presidents

Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, the sixth President of India (1977 - 1982) pinning the medal on Lt. Gen. Biddanda C. Nanda.

Gyani Zail Singh, the seventh President of India (1982 - 1987) honouring Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda with a medal.

Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda shaking hands with the eighth President of India R. Venkataraman (1987-1992).

Lt. Gen. Nanda receiving the 11th President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (2002 - 2007) during his visit to Kodagu.



File photo of Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda with his wife Leela Nanda.

When Lt. Gen. Nanda and his wife visited Siachen every month...

Siachen for Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda was not just another Himalayan Army post, but he shaped it like a new-born baby.

For his contribution to India's military might, Lt. Gen. Nanda was honoured with *Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)* and *Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM)*. He visited Siachen every month along with his wife to mingle with the soldiers.

Mysurean receives President's Police Medal

New Delhi, Dec. 26- Kalengada Muthanna Cariappa, a resident of Mysuru, received the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service from Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju during the Sashastra Seema Bal's Anniversary Day Investiture Ceremony in New Delhi on Dec. 24.

Cariappa, until recently, was serving in the 90,000 strong elite Border Security Force, which is assigned the task of Border Management of Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders. He retired on May 31 this year.

The award was presented in recognition of his exceptional services in the spheres of organisational History, Publicity, Public Relations, Perception Management and Border Management. He has several publications to his credit.

Cariappa had received the Indian Police Medal for his meritorious services on Jan. 26, 2010.

Cariappa, after completing his graduation from Railway Degree College in Secunderabad, went on to complete Post-Graduation and M. Phil courses from the Bangalore University and PG Diploma in Public Relations from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

Cariappa has also entered into the Limca Book Records for carving a 3 mm elephant in chalk. He has carved 2 mm and 1.5 mm elephants and intends to be in the Record Books again. He is also specialised in the study of Phrenology, the study of human behaviour from the shape of the cranium (part of the top portion of the skull which protects the brain).

Inner Wheel District Conference held

Mysuru, Dec.26- Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri, Cardiologist and Columnist, inaugurated the 49th Conference of Inner Wheel District 318 *"Hrudaya Sangama"* on Dec.15 at Shubhodini Convention Centre in city.

Dr. Vijayalakshmi spoke about how women play an important role in a family and society.

Rtn. Abhinandan Shetty, Governor, RI District 3182, released the Souvenir.

Inner Wheel District Chairman Dr. Sarika Prasad presided. Around 465 delegates attended the Conference hosted by all the seven Inner Wheel Clubs of Mysuru city. The inaugural session was followed by variety entertainment programme.

Visitors throng cake festival even before inauguration

Dist. Minister GTD to formally launch 3-day fest this evening at Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantap

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MTY&SR)- Hundreds of visitors thronged the Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantap, the venue of cake and food festival to taste the cakes even before its formal inauguration here this morning. Boys, girls as also visitors of all ages arrived to have a gala time digging into the cakes.

The District administration and the Department of Food and Civil Supplies are conducting a three-day cake and food festival as part of Winter Festival (Maaghi utsav) from this evening till Dec. 28.

The inauguration, which was set for this morning at 10, was postponed to this evening. District Minister G.T. Devegowda will inaugurate it at 4 pm. **It will be open to the public from 9 am to 9 pm.**

Meanwhile, baking enthusiasts across the city including, home bakers, and professionals will all come together by setting up their stalls to showcase their skills and sell varieties of cakes. The district administration has permitted to set up 40 cake stalls and 8 food stalls in the premises of the Kalyana Mantap.

They were making last minute preparations to display cake complements for every occasion and indulgence like birthday, anniversary, wedding, baby shower, festivals and more. There is an array of flavours from simple to exotic, new techniques, design, and styling, which has evolved in cake making.

Varieties of cakes, including Indian fusion cakes, healthy treats, French dessert, chocolate garnishes, eggless bakes, eggless verines, healthy treats, pastries and more will be on display. Mysureans may visit the various venues where the cake festival is organised and savour on a special delicacy each day of the fest.

To tickle the taste buds of children, bakers were seen making arrangements to display varieties like Doughnuts, Danish, Croissants, Cinnamon Roll, Tarts, Pies, Pumpkin Pie, Almond Pie, Pecan Pie, Cheery Pie, Caramel Crunchy Pie, Eggless Cakes, Belgium Chocolate and Cheese Cakes.

Pandore Breads, Stollen, Panettoon, Brioche, Ragi, Gluten Free, Almond, Chocolate, Chocochip, Dry Fruit, Yolelog Cakes, Dunde and Ginger Bread Cup Cake and other cakes.

Foundent Cakes, Butter Cream Cakes, Sugarfree Eggless cakes, Christmas Candy Plum Cakes, variety Pastries, Christmas celebration

Sacher Cake, Fudge Cake, Summer Burry, Queen Cake Lollipop, Twist Marshmallow Cake, Jelly Bean and M&M cake, Marshmallow Con, Black Forest-Torte, Profiterole, Eclairs, Tiramis, Opera, Caramel Crunchy Pie, Souffle, Mousses, Hot Chocolate Spoons, Carrot Cheese Forest and Cinnamon Honey, 40 types of different pastries will be on display.

Bank staff on strike for second time in a week

Banking services affected for last five days, to resume tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.26 (RK&SR)- Banking services across the city and district were affected today following the day-long nation-wide strike call given by various Bank Officers and Staffers Unions. All the Banks remained closed without transactions.

Over 500 Bank employees, led by Mysore District Bank Employees Union Secretary Shivaprasad, staged demonstration outside Dena Bank on Chamaraja Double Road this morning. They shouted slogans demanding the Union Government to fulfil their various demands.

The strike has been called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU). The Union claims to have membership of 10 lakh officers and staffers. A total of nine Bank Unions including All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA) and the National Organisation of Bank Workers (NOBW) had given the strike call.

This was the second Bank strike in less than seven days.

Around 3.20 lakh officers from various State-run Banks were on a one-day strike on Dec.21, seeking immediate wage revision and opposing the proposed merger of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda.

The nation-wide strike had partially impacted Banking operations like deposits and withdrawal at branches, cheque clearances and issuance of Demand Drafts, among others.

In the last five days, Banks have remained closed on account of three holidays and a strike on Friday (Dec.21) and one today.

Farmers stage demonstration

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MTY&DM)- Urging the District Administration to start immediate procurement of paddy at all the procurement centre, nearly a hundred farmers, under the banner of Karnataka State Sugar Cane Growers Association (KSSGA) staged a demonstration in front of the DC office this morning.

The farmers, who protested by dumping paddy, presented a memorandum to the DC. Earlier, the farmers marched in a procession from Gun House Circle to the DC office. Association President Kuruburu Shanthakumar and others took part.

'Withdraw Transgender Persons Bill'

[Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MTY&DM)- Nearly 50 members of the transgender community, under the banner of Ashodaya Samithi, staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, here this morning, urging the Union Government to withdraw the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2018.

Maintaining that the Bill has disregarded the concerns raised by transgender and gender non-conforming communities, the protestors claimed that the Bill overrides a Supreme Court order which granted self identification for the community.

Asserting that self identification is a complex and personal experience, that is not something to be decided by bureaucrats, the protestors said they strongly oppose the bill which criminalises begging with severe punishment and also incorporates other provisions that are detrimental for the transgender community.

City Schools celebrate Annual Day

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN (BVB) SCHOOL

The 16th Annual Day celebrations of BVB School with the theme 'Thatvaadhaara' was held at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri in city on Monday.

Inaugurating the programme, District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) said that parents with well-educated children were the real rich people and not those with wealth and property.

He predicted that kids today could become great persons in politics, sports, literature and art. He advised children to see divinity in their parents and teachers. He commended BVB for its contribution to educational sector.

The cultural programme conveyed the theme in all variants excellently brought out by the students.

The students of 9th and 10th standard presented Bharatanatyam offering prayers to Lord Ganesha. The children brilliantly portrayed the cleverness of a rabbit which managed to hoodwink a predator lion to fall into a well. The students also dramatically portrayed the themes of knowledge, valour, bonding, peace, equality, sacrifice and truth winning a good applause from the audience.

Pratibha Puraskar winners of 2017-18 SSLC exam

D.A. Shreyas (622 marks out of 625), P. Archana Raj (619), N.M. Jeevan (617), D.S. Sai Prajwal, J. Nisha and V. Shamita (English 100%), M. Deepak, G. Karthik, D. Nidhi, K.N. Shashank, V. Sunil, M. Shreyank and S.N. Vilas Patel (Kannada 100%), A.J. Hebbar and M. Chayasri (Sanskrit 100%), A.K. Dayana (Hindi 100%), Akhilesh S. Gowda and S. Harshith (Social Science 100%).

Toppers from LKG to 10th standard and good sports persons were also felicitated along with the School Principal Vijaya Narasimham who was adjudged 'The Best Teacher.'

BVB Bengaluru Chairman N. Ramanuja, BVB Mysuru Chairman Dr. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, Hon. Secretary P.S. Ganapathy, Hon. Treasurer Dr. A.T. Bhashyam and others were present.

KAUTILYA VIDYALAYA

Kautilya Sadagara, the Annual Day of Kautilya Vidyalaya and *Ajjanondige Hejje-Ajjiyondige Gejje* (Grandparent Fest) were held at Kalamandira recently.

Inspector General of Police and Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Director Vipul Kumar inaugurated the programme.

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) Founder-President Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy was the guest of honour.

Vipul Kumar stressed on the importance of synergy between a child's home and school in developing human capital, in the inaugural address. He also commemorated Srinivasa Ramanujan and Guru Gobind Singh, the day incidentally being the birth anniversary of both personalities.

In his address, Dr. Shenoy spoke of his experiences across the world that shaped his outlook. He also highlighted the importance of scriptural study for all-round education.

Grandparents strutted their stuff with élan as they took to the ramp with family during the signature event, *Ajjanondige Hejje-Ajjiyondige Gejje*.

Four teachers were conferred the prestigious 'Kautilya Ratna' award for their dedicated service to the institution.

Teacher achievers as well as meritorious students were felicitated.

Students showcased their immense talent in the performing arts and left the audience spellbound.

Chairman Kautilya R. Raghu presided. Senior Principal Dr. L. Savitha and Vice-Principal (Academics) B.B. Radhika were present.

The 'Kautilya Ratna' awardees are seen with the guests.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA VIDYASHALA

Anil Swarup, CEO, State Development Council, Jharkhand, addressing the gathering.

The 66th Annual Day celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala was held at its premises in Yadavagiri on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Anil Swarup, CEO, State Development Council, Jharkhand, opined that a person should learn from past incidents and focus on the present to succeed in future. He advised the students to stop comparing with others and focus on developing their talents. He contended that everybody has a unique personality which should be introspected periodically to prevent mistakes. He suggested students to retain individuality instead of blindly following a leader.

Addressing the gathering, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama President Sri Athmajnanandaji opined that people should reckon their limits, increase awareness and shun narrow mindedness. He added that emotional bonding was vital for harmony.

Vidyashala Head Sri Yukteshanandaji, Principal S. Balaji and others were present.

Sadvidya tops in GK contest

In the 47th Shambavanandaji Memorial Inter-School General Knowledge (GK) contest, Sadvidya School emerged first followed by Excel Public School, Manasarovar Pushkarini School, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School, JSS Public School and St. Joseph's Central School.

The individual winners are as follows: **10th std.: 1.** Koushik S. Nandan (Kautilya Vidyalaya), **2.** T. Sathwik Gowda (Sadvidya School) and **3.** Kisan U. Kanthavar (Sadvidya); **Special Prize:** N. Sanath Acharya, Aprameya Dinesh, S. Kavya of Sadvidya School; Nirantara Dinesh of Vijaya Vittala School and Tanushri D. Asar of St. Joseph's Central School.

9th std.: 1. G. Dayan (Sadvidya School), **2.** C.J. Akanksh (Manasarovar Pushkarini School), **3.** Y.S. Poorvik Gowda (JSS Public School); **Special Prize:** Sourav S. Avadhani, U. Suhas and D. Deepak of Sadvidya School; Manas Kudlapur Rakesh of Excel Public School and Y. Sohan Kumar of St. Joseph's Central School.

City hoteliers slam online aggregators

Mysuru, Dec.26- The Mysuru Hotel Owners Association has accused some hotel aggregators of creating monopoly in the country, which in turn has increased their high-handedness in dealing with the hoteliers.

At a meeting at the Association's office in Krishnamurthypuram here yesterday, the Association President C. Narayanagowda threatened to boycott and dishonour bookings made through the hospitality aggregator OYO for ruining the pricing and profitability balance of the hotel industry.

Accusing the hospitality aggregator OYO of offering indiscriminate discounts, which has resulted in a drastic reduction in the average price, which in turn has increased operating expenses, Narayanagowda said that the hoteliers would dissuade their customers and clients from making bookings through the aggregator and instead encourage them to book directly with the hotels. However, in case of clients who have already made their booking through OYO, they were bound to honour them. But the Association will appeal the guests to approach the hotels concerned directly through their online portals, he pointed out.

Noting that there were 150 to 180 hotels and lodges in Mysuru across all segments, of which 105 lodges and hotels had tied up with OYO, Narayanagowda sought the intervention of the Government to resolve the issue.

At the meeting, the representatives and office-bearers of the hospitality sector said that in addition to hospitality aggregators and start-ups, Online Travel Agencies (OTAs) too had disrupted the market and together became one of the major sources of room booking, contributing up to 70 percent of the online business.

Releasing a set of demands, which included a restriction on the travel agents commission across the country, among others, Narayanagowda warned that the Association will ban hotel aggregators completely in Mysuru if the demands were not met.

Sooryah Prakasam Pokkali, President, Association of Indian Hotels and Serviced Apartments, Bengaluru, Hotel Owners Association Charitable Trust office-bearers Ravi Shastri, Subramanya Tantri, Ravindra Bhat, Raghavendra and others attended the meeting.

Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple to distribute 2 lakh laadus on New Year

Mysuru, Dec.26 (YDS&US)- Ushering the New Year, following the tradition, devotees visiting Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple in Vijayanagar will be given laadus on Jan.1 from 4 am till midnight under the supervision of the Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji.

About 50 cooks have been working on the process of making over 2 lakh laadus using 50 quintals of Gram Flour, 100 quintal Sugar, 5,000 litre of edible oil, 100kg cashew, 50kg raisin, 50kg almond, 50kg diamond sugar, 500kg powdered sugar, 10kg pista, 20kg cardamom, 20kg nutmeg, 5kg edible camphor and 50 kg clove.

Labour strike on Jan.8 and 9

Mysuru, Dec.26 (MTY&US)- Opposing the Union Government's move to favour the corporate sector by privatising Government organisations, Joint Committee of Leftists has announced a Labour Strike on Jan.8 and 9 to protect the interests of the labour class in various sectors.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI) District Committee Organising Secretary M. Umadevi said that the Union Government was following an anti-labour policy and supporting corporates draining crores of rupees.

CPI(M) District Secretary H.R. Seshadri said, all Labour Unions would support the stir along with employees of Banks, Insurance Companies, KSRTC, Railway and those from unorganised sector.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Grinch

Pronunciation: GRINCH.

Meaning: One who spoils the pleasure of others.
Origin: When Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, wrote the children's book *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* in 1957, he probably had no idea that grinch would soon enter the general lexicon of English. Like Charles Dickens' Ebenezer Scrooge (whose name has become synonymous with miser), the Grinch changes his ways by the story's end, but it's the unreformed character who "hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season!" who sticks in our minds. The ill-natured Grinch, with his heart "two sizes too small," provides us with a lively symbol of someone we love to hate, and his name has thus come to refer to any disgruntled grump who ruins the pleasure of others.
Example: There are people in the world much more evil than the Grinch.

THE ODD WORD

Gnathic

Having to do with the jaws.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Gild the lily

Meaning: To apply unnecessary ornament - to over embellish.

Origin: Shakespeare didn't coin the term 'gild the lily', but he came as close to doing so in King John, 1595. The use of Shakespeare's text to denote unnecessary ornamentation is fairly straightforward. After all, 'to gild' is to cover with a thin layer of gold, so 'gilding refined gold' is obviously unnecessary. One may gild the lily and paint the rose, but to convey by words only an adequate idea of the hats and bonnets now exhibited absolutely passes human ability.
Example: It is not necessary to gild the lily by over ornate presentation.

QUOTE BOX

Life is lived on its own. Other's shoulders are used only at the time of the funeral.

—Bhagat Singh

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

COF FEE

Answer: Coffee Break.

SUDOKU

		5				2		
3			2		5			1
1			9		7			6
		2		5		3		
			7		4			
		7		2		6		
6			5		8			3
2			1		3			5
		9				7		

Answer to previous puzzle

9	8	4	6	5	1	3	7	2
5	3	2	7	4	9	6	1	8
7	1	6	8	3	2	9	4	5
6	2	5	9	1	7	4	8	3
3	7	1	2	8	4	5	9	6
8	4	9	5	6	3	7	2	1
4	6	7	3	2	8	1	5	9
1	5	8	4	9	6	2	3	7
2	9	3	1	7	5	8	6	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Hollywood's Brad ___
5 One in charge
9 The sesame plant or seed
12 Dull pain
13 One thing and another
14 Arctic explorer John
15 Not far
16 Blaming, accusing or indicting
18 Famous writer of fairy stories
20 Destroy or mar
21 ___ facto : by that very fact?
24 Square-rigged sailing ships with two masts
27 Binding as a bandage
31 Expected to arrive
32 Grotto
33 Power take off, abbr.
34 Challenge or defy
35 Airspeed Indicator
36 Exposed or humiliated? (6,2)
38 Melts or softens
41 Biblical garden
42 Former Yugoslav leader
44 Fiascos or explosive devices
48 Ready to resist and fight? (2,2,4)
52 ___ a chance : dared?
53 Japanese Buddhist philosophy
54 Ballet bend - "pile" anagram?
55 Sicilian volcano
56 Present participle suffix?
57 Deceive by a joke
58 Hollow mark on the car's body after an impact?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

			O	R	B			A	W	E		
	S	T	O	R	M		N	O	M	A	D	
R	O	A	D	I	E		G	R	I	P	E	
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R	T	O		D	E	A	T	H		G	O	A
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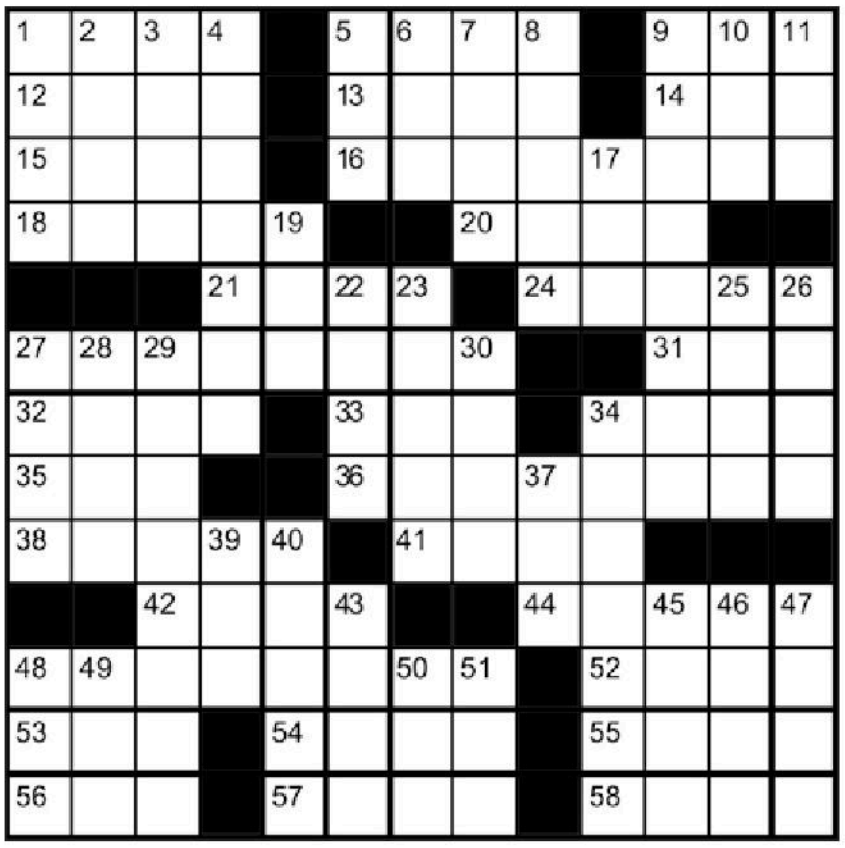
	G	N	O	M	E		S	T	I	L	E	
			S	S	R			S	F	E		

DOWN

1 Sharp pain
2 Freezer or cooler, colloquially speaking
3 That man from Bangkok?
4 White ant
5 On the TV it gives us the latest international news
6 Cry of delight
7 Celestial body
8 Bush
9 Tobago's partner
10 Botham or Chappell of cricket
11 The lower limb of a human being from the knee to the ankle
17 ___ Forests : the lion sanctuary in Gujarat?
19 Speed meas.
22 Drinks in small amounts
23 __ __ dot: very promptly? (2,3)
25 Eastern teacher
26 Leak through
27 Scare away
28 Use soap and water?
29 Flying a plane or an aircraft
30 As ___ as : practically?
34 Meant or signified
37 A spider's snare
39 Be successful in combat
40 "Phats" anagram for a type of bacteria
43 Column support
45 Speck - "tome" anagram?
46 Capital of erstwhile West Germany
47 A card game - "task" anagram?
48 Israeli submachine gun
49 It may be "fountain" or "ball-point"
50 Missing in action in short
51 The fair ___ : the females?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BNQ GQCB MST BW AQB SDDKWPSZ

UC RWB BW RQQY UB

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There are only two ways of telling the complete truth--anonymously and posthumously.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
KGF	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Orange	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Viraj	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Viraj	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Zero	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Adanga Maru	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Mari-2	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
.....	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Zero (H)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 1.10 pm 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
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Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Mari-2 (Ta)	(S-2)	10.25 am, 7.05 pm
Kanaa (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
KGF (K)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.15 am
	(S-4)	10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00pm,7.00pm,9.55pm
Seethakaathi (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Adanga Maru (Ta)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Padi Padi Leche Manasu (Te)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Antariskham (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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KGF (K)	(S-2)	8.00 am
	(S-3)	9.10 am, 3.35 pm
	(S-1)	9.30 am, 12.35 pm 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.35 pm
Zero (H)	(S-2)	11.05 pm, 2.20 pm, 5.40 pm
	(S-2)	9.10 pm, 9.50
Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1)	3.45 pm
Ananga Maru (Ta)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
Kanaa (Ta)	(S-4)	3.45 pm
Maari- 2 (Ta)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Padi Padi Leche Manasu (Te)	(S-3)	12.20 pm
Anthariksham 9000 (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Seethakaathi (Ta)	(S-3)	9.40 pm

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Seethakaathi (Ta)	12.05 pm
Adanga Maru (Ta)	2.30 pm
Kanaa (Ta)	3.40 pm
Padi Padi Leche Manasu (Te)	5.40 pm
Antariksham (Te)	6.50 pm
Maari 2 (Ta)	9.50 pm

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EVENTS TODAY (DEC.26)

Kannada and Culture Department: Solo painting exhibition by S. Vinod, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 6 pm.**

Karnataka Tourism Department: Mysuru Winter Festival-2018, Flower Show, Doll and Photography Expo, Palace premises, **up to 9 pm;** Cake Festival, Jayamma Govinde Gowda Kalyana Mantapa, **up to 9 pm;** Birds Festival, **up to 7 pm;** Film Fest, Maharaja's College Ground, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Irwin Road: 18th annual Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, Naarikele Special Alankara, Ashlesha Balidana Homa, **9 am.**

CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysuru: National Conference on Virgin Coconut Oil, Dr. Raju Narayana Swamy, Chairman, Coconut Development Board, Government of India, inaugurates, Dr. KSMS Raghavarao, Director, CSIR-CFTRI and Dr. P. Chowdappa, Director, ICAR-CPCRI, Kasargod, speakers, Assembly Hall, CFTRI, **9.30 am.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, cultural programme, Bhajans by Padmini Vallabha Bhajana Mandali and troupe, **5 pm;** Devotional Songs by Gowri Shankara Kalavrinda, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Venkatagiri Prakashana: Book release — senior writer Dr. A. Pushpa Iyengar's 'Parimalada Haadi' — by Prof. C. Nagenna, social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee presides, former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal guest, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Bharatiya Nritya Kala Parishat: Natyacharya M. Vishnudas Memorial 27th Nrityotsava-2018, dance performances, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Discourse: Thiruppavai Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

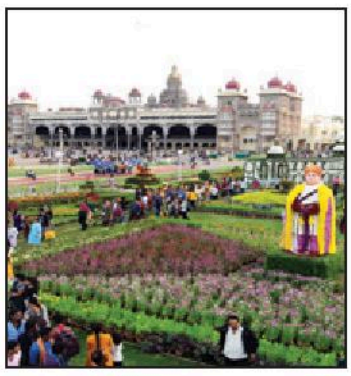
Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

Niranthara Ranga Utsava

Niranthara Foundation: Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2018, former Rangayana Director Chidambara Rao Jambe, Higher Education and District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda, Kannada and Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will be the guests, felicitation to poetess Prof. C. Sarvamangala, Prasad Kundooru of Niranthara will be present, Chande Vadana, **6.15 pm;** Play 'Muru Kasina Sangeetha Nataka' by Natana School of Theatre Arts, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.27)

Karnataka Tourism Department:



Mysuru Winter Festival-2018, Para-motoring, University Cricket Ground, **7.30 am to 4.30 pm;** Flower Show, Doll and Photography Expo, Palace premises, **10 am to 9 pm;** Cake Festival, Jayamma Govinde Gowda Kalyana Mantapa, **10 am to 9 pm;** Birds Festival, **10 am to 7 pm;** Film Fest, Maharaja's College Ground, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**

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Kannada and Culture Department: Solo painting exhibition by S. Vinod, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10.30 am to 6 pm.**

Ambedkar Sene, Mysuru District Committee: 62nd Parinibbana of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Calendar release, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **11 am.**

District Disabled Welfare: Grievances meeting for specially abled persons, Deputy Commissioner (DC) chairs, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) auditorium, **3 pm.**

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES): Valedictory of District-level Sports Meet for Government Employees, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath delivers valedictory address, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **3.30 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, cultural programme, Dasara Pada by Raaga Ragini Bhajana Mandali and troupe, **5 pm;** Violin recital by Sumanth Manjunath and troupe, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Bharatiya Nritya Kala Parishat: Natyacharya M. Vishnudas Memorial 27th Nrityotsava-2018, dance performances, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation: Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2018, 'Neelagarara Pada' by Mysuru Gururaj and team, **5.30 pm;** Staging of play 'Mukkam Post Bombilwadi' by Samashti, Bengaluru (Director: Ravindra Poojary), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Lions Club International, Lions Club of Mysore Parisara: Official visit of District Governor and Charter Presentation celebration by Ln. V. Renu Kumar, District Governor, Dist. 317A, Charter President Ln. D.T. Prakash presides, Hotel Chithra Residency, #292/3, Lakshmikanthanagar, behind CITB Choultry, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Prasara Bharati, Akashavani Mysuru and Rangayana, Mysuru: Ranga Banuli - Banuli Nataka (airing of play) 'Nenapu Sayuvudilla,' Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Discourse: Thiruppavai Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

Lecture to mark Natl. Consumers Day

Mysuru, Dec.26- Commemorating National Consumers Day 2018, the Mysuru Chapter of National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), in association with the Department of Studies in Business Administration, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College PG Wing, Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre, KRS Road, has organised a programme at Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre on KRS Road in city on **Dec.27 at 3 pm.**

On the occasion, a lecture-cum-interactive session on 'Why to abandon the abundant protection available to the consumers?' by H.M. Shivakumara Swamy, President of the Principal Forum of Mysuru District Consumers Disputes Redressal Forum, has been organised.

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